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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun
3 violence and countless others are wounded; and

4 WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed
5 with guns than people in other high-income countries; and

6 WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in the communities they
7 serve is among a legislator's highest responsibilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Support for the Second Amendment rights of
9 law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away
10 from people that should not have them; and

11 WHEREAS, June 2019 would have marked the 22nd birthday of
12 Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's
13 second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just
14 weeks later; and

15 WHEREAS, To help honor Hadiya and the 100 Americans whose
16 lives are cut short and the countless others who are wounded by
17 gun violence every day, June 7, 2019 has been designated as the
18 5th National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

19 WHEREAS, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's

1 friends who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by
2 wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear
3 orange to protect themselves and others, and orange is a color
4 that has been embraced by the gun safety movement because it
5 symbolizes the value of human life; and

6 WHEREAS, By wearing orange and commemorating National Gun
7 Violence Awareness Day on June 7, Americans will raise
8 awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human
9 potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 7, 2019
12 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in the State of Illinois and
13 encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to
14 prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and
15 value human lives; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we renew our commitment to reduce gun
17 violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of
18 the wrong hands and encourage responsibility in gun ownership
19 to keep our children safe.